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**Environmental Quality  
HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION**

**History.** This is a revision of the Post Hunting and Fishing Regulation.

**Summary.** This regulation outlines policies and procedures governing hunting, fishing and other recreational activities at the United States Army Infantry Center (USAIC), Fort Benning, Georgia. Significant changes include: elimination of the requirement to complete a harvest card and the establishment of a TELETRAK Game harvest report (Hunters Report harvest information by telephone), the ability to hunt feral swine year round with any approved weapon consistent with area and training restrictions except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons, allowing archery hunting concurrent with training in areas not affected by live fire exercises (LFX) or surface danger zones (SDZ), the ability to purchase annual guest permits for family members at rates equivalent to those of the sponsor, a holistic review of weapons authorized by area/compartments has been conducted which changed the authorized weapons for many areas on the installation, and allowing the use of scopes on muzzleloading firearms during the Georgia Deer Primitive Weapons Season.

**Applicability.** All individuals permitted to hunt, fish, or participate in outdoor recreational activities on the installation will comply with this regulation.

**Proponent and Exception Authority.** The proponent of this regulation is the Director of Public Works (DPW). Only the Chief of Staff, USAIC, may approve changes to this regulation. The Commanding General's Natural Resources Advisory Council (CGNRAC) reviews the regulation annually and recommends changes.

**Suggested Improvements.** Send comments and suggested improvements on a DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) or a written letter through channels to the Commander, United States Army Infantry Center, ATTN: IMSE-BEN-PWE-C/Chief, Conservation Branch, Environmental Division, DPW, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5122.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Introduction**

#### **1-1. Purpose.**

This regulation sets forth policies and procedures that govern hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities such as off-road vehicles, camping, and boating.

#### **1-2. References.**

A list of required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are located in appendix A.

#### **1-3. General.**

The Commanding General, United States Army Infantry Center, intends to maximize hunting and fishing opportunities on Fort Benning consistent with mission requirements, sound environmental and natural resources management practices, and the Cooperative Agreement between Fort Benning, The States of Alabama and Georgia, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Cooperative Agreement is contained in the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation activities will be permitted only if consistent with the military mission and no safety hazard is created.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Responsibilities**

#### **2-1. Director of Public Works (DPW).**

- a. Manages fish and wildlife resources consistent with governing laws, regulations, and the Cooperative Agreement.
- b. Develops policies and determines the direction of the wildlife program and is the proponent of this regulation.
- c. Chief, Environmental Management Division (EMD), DPW, coordinates the funding and implementation of the wildlife program.
- d. Chief, Conservation Branch (CB), EMD, DPW, supervises and manages the wildlife program.
- e. Maintains a map case at Building 5883, Harmony Church. Posts Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets at that location prior to 1000 hours daily for up to three days in the future.

#### **2-2. Director of Plans, Training, and Mobilization (DPTM).**

- a. Maximizes opportunities for hunting and fishing consistent with training and safety requirements.
- b. Range Division (DPTM) prepares and distributes the Daily Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets prior to 0900 hours each day. This sheet indicates the areas open for a 24-hour period, three days in the future.

#### **2-3. Director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DMWR).**

- a. Operates the Permit Issuing Agencies at the MWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office and Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina.
- b. Ensures that only those individuals entitled to hunt and fish on the installation are issued permits and licenses.
- c. Maintains map cases at the MWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Building 1707, Gillespie Street, and Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina. Posts Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets at those locations prior to 1000 hours daily for up to three days in the future.
- d. Ensures that updated 1:50,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps are available for review or purchase upon request.

#### **2-4. Director of Emergency Services (DES).**

- a. Enforces the provisions of this regulation.
- b. Reports violations of this regulation to the Permit Issuing Agency and Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) Military Hearing Officer.
- c. Maintains records of sportsmen involved in hunting and fishing violations.
- d. Maintains Hunting and Fishing Map cases at MPA, Sand Hill, and Malone 21. Posts Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets at those locations prior to 1000 hours daily for up to three days in the future.

#### **2-5. Staff Judge Advocate (SJA).**

Provides a Hearing Officer to conduct administrative appeals of suspensions or revocations of hunting and fishing privileges.

#### **2-6. Commanding General's Natural Resources Advisory Council (CGNRAC).**

- a. Receives comments, suggestions, and concerns from soldiers and other personnel authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning and represents their interests to improve hunting and fishing on the installation.
- b. Provides advice on the management of hunting and fishing on Fort Benning. Makes recommendations to improve hunting and fishing to the Chief, Conservation Branch; Chief, Environmental Management Division; Director of Public Works; the Garrison Commander; the USAIC Chief of Staff; and the Commanding General, as appropriate.
- c. Maximizes the opportunities for hunting and fishing on Fort Benning consistent with training requirements, safety, and governing laws, regulations, and the Cooperative Agreement with The States of Alabama and Georgia and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- d. Annually reviews and provides the Chief, Conservation Branch, with proposed changes to USAIC Regulation 200-3, Hunting and Fishing Regulation.

#### **2-7. Sportsmen.**

- a. Understand and comply with all laws, policies, and regulations concerning personal weapons and hunting and fishing on the installation.
- b. Report hunting and fishing violations to the Military Police Desk (545-5222).
- c. Recommend changes in accordance with "Suggested Improvements" section to improve the management of hunting and fishing on Fort Benning.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Restrictions**

#### **3-1. General.**

- a. The 1:50,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map is used to control hunting and fishing activities and is updated periodically. Hunting is prohibited in the Fort Benning cantonment areas except as shown on the hunting and fishing map and special archery hunts published separately. Sportsmen will familiarize themselves with the most recent Hunting and Fishing Map prior to hunting or fishing.
- b. Hunters shall adhere to the policies contained in USAIC Regulation 210-5 related to the possession, registration, transport, use, and discharge of firearms (see paragraphs 5-5 and 5-6 below).
- c. Hunting and fishing is prohibited in posted dud areas and in areas and facilities posted as "restricted" or an "exclusion area."
- d. Game wardens, military police, and other authorized personnel may search or inspect vehicles entering, traveling through, occupying, or exiting hunting and fishing areas, training areas, and all other areas on the installation.
- e. Littering or dumping on Fort Benning is prohibited.

#### **3-2. Personnel Authorized to Hunt and Fish on Fort Benning.**

- a. The following personnel are authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning:
  - (1) United States Armed Forces active duty personnel.
  - (2) United States Armed Forces retired personnel.
  - (3) Disabled American Veterans having a service connected disability of not less than 30 percent.
  - (4) Medal of Honor recipients.
  - (5) Department of Defense Civilian Employees (appropriated and non-appropriated fund) working full-time or equivalent status regardless of where they work.
  - (6) Retired Department of Defense Civilian Employees regardless of where they worked.
  - (7) Federal Civilian Employees working full-time or equivalent status on Fort Benning to include, but not limited to, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Customs Service, and U.S. Army Engineer District, Savannah.
  - (8) Retired Federal Civilian Employees (same as paragraphs 3-2a (6) above) who were employed at this installation immediately prior to retirement.

(9) National Guardsmen and Reservists who are on active status regardless of where they are assigned. See Glossary, Section II for a definition of active status.

(10) Surviving spouses of military personnel who possess a valid dependent ID card.

(11) Foreign military personnel assigned to Fort Benning.

(12) Primary dependents of sponsors listed in paragraphs 3-2.a.(1)-(11) above. A primary dependent is defined as a lawful spouse or an unmarried child who is less than 21 years old or less than 23 years old if enrolled in a full-time course of education above high school level and receives over half of his/her support from the sponsor.

(13) The Commanding General and Chief of Staff, in their discretion, may authorize personnel other than those listed in paragraphs 3-2.a. (1)-(12) above to hunt and fish on Fort Benning.

(14) Guests. Properly approved guests may hunt and fish on the installation, subject to the rules, laws, and other provisions applicable to other hunters, provided they obtain a Fort Benning Guest Permit (FB Form 200-3-1). Any individual who meets the requirements set forth in paragraphs 3-2.a. (1)-(12) above and who is 18 years or older may sponsor up to three guests per day to hunt and fish on Fort Benning.

Note: Contractors providing support and services to Fort Benning may hunt or fish on the installation only if an authorized person sponsors the contractor and the contractor obtains a FB Form 200-3-1.

b. In order to obtain a Fort Benning hunting and/or fishing permit, the following documents must be presented to prove that an individual is eligible to hunt and fish on Fort Benning:

(1) Active duty and retired United States Armed Forces personnel - Military ID Card.

(2) Disabled Veterans - Medical ID Card or DA Certificate of Disability indicating a service-connected disability of not less than 30 percent.

(3) Medal of Honor Recipients - Copy of orders awarding medal and photo identification.

(4) Department of Defense Civilian employees (appropriated and non-appropriated fund) - DoD Civilian ID Card, current Leave and Earnings Statement, and photo identification.

(5) Federal Civilian Employees (other than DoD Civilian Employees) employed full-time on Fort Benning - Photo identification, current Leave and Earnings Statement and memorandum from supervisor stating that the individual is employed full-time on Fort Benning and will remain in that status for the duration of season involved.

(6) Retired Federal Employees - A copy of the last Standard Form 50 indicating retired status or Retirement Certificate issued by Fort Benning and photo identification.

(7) Active National Guard or Reserve Personnel - Current Leave and Earnings Statement which shows active status and Military ID Card.

(8) Primary dependents 16-17 years of age - Dependent ID Card and a written permission statement from the sponsor to obtain permits and licenses.

(9) Primary dependents 18 years old and older - Dependent ID Card.

(10) Primary dependents 21 years old or less than 23 years old enrolled in a full-time course of education above high school level and receiving over half their support from their sponsor - Dependent ID Card and a current year student ID card or a signed memorandum from the school's registrar's office stating that the individual is a full-time student.

(11) Foreign military personnel assigned to Fort Benning - Military ID card and orders assigning the individual to Fort Benning.

(12) Before obtaining a permit, all personnel must show a valid hunting and fishing license, and appropriate hunter safety card. All persons born on or after 1 Jan 1961 must show evidence of successful completion of a hunter safety course to obtain a permit whether hunting or fishing on the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation.

(13) Guests. To obtain a Guest Permit (FB Form 200-3-1), the sponsor must be able to show that the guest has an Alabama or Georgia hunting and/or fishing license and a Hunter Safety Card recognized by either Alabama or Georgia or a Fort Benning Hunter Safety Course Card (FB (SD) Form 18). Guests are classified into two categories as follows:

(a) Family Members - Family members of persons defined in paragraphs 3-2, (1)-(11) above may be sponsored by that individual and purchase an annual guest hunting/fishing permit at a

rate equal to that of the sponsor. A family member is defined as a son/daughter, brother/sister, or father/mother. Proof of relationship will be established by an affidavit or affirmation signed by both the sponsor and guest and witnessed by personnel from the permit issuing agency. Blank forms for this purpose are available at the permit issuing agency. Sponsoring an ineligible person as a family member will result in permanent revocation and possible criminal action in U.S. Magistrate's Court.

(b) Non-family Members - Persons not described in paragraph 3-2.(13),(a) above may be sponsored as guests and purchase guest hunting/fishing permits on a daily, weekly or monthly basis at guest hunting/fishing rates established for non-family members by DPW, Conservation Branch and DMWR.

(c) Persons classified as guests in paragraphs (a) and (b) above are subject to all sponsor/guest provisions discussed elsewhere throughout this regulation.

(d) The family member guest of an individual who holds an honorary installation hunting or fishing permit will pay the fee that the honorary member would have paid, but for the honorary status.

c. Requests for exceptions to this policy will be handled on a case-by-case basis and should be directed in writing, to the Commander, U.S. Army Infantry Center, ATTN: IMSE-BEN-PWE-C (Chief, Conservation Branch) Fort Benning, GA 31905-5000 (545-7319)

### 3-3. Use of Privately Owned Vehicles When Hunting or Fishing.

a. In accordance with AR 190-5 and USAIC Regulation 190-5, all privately owned vehicles used for hunting and fishing on the Fort Benning Military Reservation shall have a properly affixed DoD Registration Decal or Temporary Vehicle Permit (FB (MPA) Form 66). Vehicle decals and permits can be obtained at the Vehicle/ Weapons Registration office (545-1195), Building 2672, Monday through Friday, 0800-1700. Individuals using a vehicle which does not have a DoD registration decal, must obtain a Temporary Vehicle Permit from the Fort Benning Military Police (at the Visitor's Centers at ACP 2 and 3), DMWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Building 1707, or the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina. The Temporary Vehicle Permit must be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle while on the installation.

b. Off-road motorized vehicles (ORV) of any type are prohibited on Fort Benning, unless installation authorities grant an exception based upon demonstrated medical disability. Disabled hunters may not hunt from a moving ORV. Disabled hunters may submit requests for exception to this policy in accordance with paragraph 3-2,c above. Documentation of the medical disability must be submitted with this request.

c. Blocking roads is strictly prohibited. Individuals shall not park their vehicle in a manner so as to prevent another vehicle from passing on either a maintained or unimproved road. The only exception is that when picking up or dropping off equipment and/or game, an individual may temporarily block another vehicle's passage, provided that the individual operating the vehicle is within sight of his parked vehicle.

### 3-4. Areas, Boundaries, and Access Restrictions for Hunting and Fishing.

a. Fort Benning has been divided into designated areas as depicted on the 1:50,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map that is posted at various locations throughout the installation. Individuals may purchase Hunting and Fishing Maps at the DMWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Building 1707, Gillespie Street, or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina. The Hunting and Fishing Map will be posted in accordance with paragraph 3-4.f below. Individuals must check the daily Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets and be familiar with the Hunting and Fishing Map prior to hunting, fishing, or conducting other recreational activities.

**Note: Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map. The Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map is updated periodically by Range Division, (DPTM). The most recent map is dated 2006. Use of earlier editions is not authorized, due to significant changes. Additionally, prior to using even the 2006 map, each individual is responsible for checking to ensure that no modifications have been made. Changes, if any, will be posted in the map cases at various locations throughout the installation as described in paragraph 3-4 or displayed on the installation's web site.**

b. Range Division designates areas as "open" or "closed" for recreational use. Hunters must verify open areas by checking the Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets posted on the map boards at various locations around the installation or online at <https://www.benning.army.mil/emd/hunting/areas.htm>.

c. Sportsmen, persons, individuals will not bypass sentries, road guards, roadblocks, cables or closed and locked gates in a vehicle, even if the area is open for hunting or fishing. Sportsmen may bypass sentries, road guards, roadblocks, cables or closed and locked gates on foot if that area is listed as open for hunting or fishing. The sportsman's vehicle must not block any road or gate in violation of paragraph 3-3.c.

d. The perimeter of Fort Benning is marked by signs, which read "U.S. Property – No Trespassing". All persons are required to enter or exit the installation at designated access points.

e. Certain areas of Fort Benning have been designated as "exclusion" areas. Hunting or fishing in these areas is prohibited. The areas are shown on the Hunting and Fishing Map. Sportsmen must check the 1:50,000-scale Hunting and Fishing Map to identify the location of all exclusion areas. While hunting or fishing in an exclusion area is prohibited, driving through the exclusion area on an established road or trail to get to an otherwise open area is allowed provided that no road guard, gate, cable, or other such barrier is bypassed and the exclusion area is not occupied for training. Parking within an exclusion area at or near the boundary in order to access an adjacent open area by foot is permitted provided that no loaded weapons are in possession while within the boundaries of the exclusion area or while traveling to and from the open area, the exclusion area is not occupied for training and no road guard, gate, cable or other such barrier is bypassed.

f. Designation and publication of areas open for recreation. Range Division, (DPTM), prepares Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets designating areas open for hunting and fishing for up to 3 days in the future. These sheets are posted before 1000 daily at the following locations:

- (1) Provost Marshal's Office, Building 215.
- (2) Conservation Branch, Bldg 5883, Harmony Church.
- (3) Malone Range 21, Buena Vista Road.
- (4) Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground.
- (5) DMWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Building 1707.

- (6) Sand Hill, Custer Road.

g. Area specific restrictions and weapons authorized to hunt in them. The following areas have specific hunting restrictions:

(1) **Bow-only areas.** Sportsmen shall only use weapons identified in paragraph 5-5.b. Bow-only hunting areas include A3, western portion of CC2, CC3, CC4, EE1, EE2, W2, W4, and the west side of the road running through the middle of Y1. Also included in this list are Hamlet Creek, Custer Road, AO Brown, Chattahoochee River, Sand Hill, and Weatherby Field. In addition to archery hunting in these areas, migratory waterfowl may be hunted with shotguns in the Custer Road, Weatherby Field and W-4 Bow Areas during appropriate seasons.

**SPECIAL NOTE: THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE NO LONGER BOW-ONLY HUNTING COMPARTMENTS: N1 AND A PORTION OF Y1. HUNTERS MUST BE AWARE THAT THESE AREAS ARE NOW OPEN TO FIREARMS HUNTING AND THAT HUNTER ORANGE MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE HUNTING IN THESE AREAS UNDER ANY CONDITIONS TO INCLUDE ARCHERY HUNTING. HUNTERS SHOULD ANNOTATE THEIR MAPS ACCORDINGLY.**

(2) **Shotgun areas.** Sportsmen may only use weapons identified in paragraph 5-5.c. Shotgun areas include: A4, A5, A19, U1, U2, U4, AA, BB1, BB2, BB3, BB4, BB5, and BB6.

(3) **Rifle areas.** Hunting areas not listed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) above are designated as rifle areas. Sportsmen may only use weapons identified in paragraph 5-5.d in these areas.

(4) **Areas designated as open for bow hunting concurrent with training.**

(a) Archery hunting, concurrent with training and other area closures, is permitted in non-live fire exercise (LFX) and non-surface danger zone (SDZ) affected training areas. Archery hunting is defined elsewhere in this regulation.

(b) Under this program areas will be designated as follows:

(I) On the "areas open to hunting" web site and computer generated 'color' Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets by using the color code system described below:

**GREY** - Areas shaded in grey are closed for all hunting.

**NUMBERED AREA W/LIGHT BLUE BACKGROUND** - Areas shaded in light blue are closed to fire-arms hunting access for training or other conservation activities, but open for ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY.

**NUMBERED AREA W/WHITE BACKGROUND** - Areas shaded in white are open for all authorized weapons.

**RED** - Areas shaded in red are closed for an extended period.

(II) On the map boards and computer generated 'black and white' Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets by using the color code system described below:

**BLACK** – Areas shaded in black are either impact areas, closed for an extended period of time, or closed for all hunting on that day.

**NUMBERED AREA W/WHITE BACKGROUND** – Numbered areas with white backgrounds are open for all authorized weapons.

**NUMBERED AREA W/GREY BACKGROUND** - Numbered areas with grey backgrounds are closed to firearms hunting due to training or other conservation activities, but are open for ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY.

(c) Archery hunters who want to sign into an Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training designated area are required to enter a "9" before the 4-digit training area code. This requirement reinforces to the hunter that the area is eligible for hunting concurrent with training for that day. If a hunter fails to enter the "9" before the 4-digit training area code, the system will not allow the hunter to sign in to that area.

(d) Archery hunters participating in this program must understand that safety and training remain the commander's top priorities. Under this program, archery hunters cannot hunt within 200 yards of any military equipment, personnel or training event. If a training unit moves inside the 200 yard buffer zone, it is the hunter's responsibility to immediately leave the area without interfering with the training event. Archery hunters must pay particular attention to where and how they park their vehicles in these areas. Archery hunters will not park in a manner that would prevent either military vehicles from passing or the training event to be conducted.

(e) Archery hunters who fail to comply with the special requirements of this program will be suspended for one year from date of incident.

(f) Note – Because the list of areas available for this program is subject to change at any time with the development of ranges or implementation of weapons systems, a listing of areas available for this program is not published here. Hunters should check the Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets to determine the eligible areas.

**3-5. Cultural Resources.** Individuals may not disturb archeological sites on Fort Benning. Anyone observing artifact collecting or site looting should contact the Military Police Desk at 545-5222 or the Environmental Management Division at 545-2377 and report the incident. If possible, provide the vehicle description and license number, description of activity and individuals, and the time and location. The use or possession of metal detectors or any other device to locate or collect artifacts is prohibited.

## Chapter 4 Safety.

**4-1. General.** Safety is everyone's responsibility. To avoid injuries and possible loss of life, hunting, fishing, and all other recreational activities must be accomplished in a safe and responsible manner. Many restrictions on hunting and fishing activities are based upon safety considerations. Anyone discovering or having knowledge of an accident or incident occurring on the installation will notify the appropriate authorities by the fastest means available.

a. Feral swine precautions. Feral swine can transmit diseases to humans and domestic animals. Hunters should wear plastic gloves when field-dressing feral swine; wash their hands with soap and water as soon as possible after contact; avoid direct contact with the animal's blood and reproductive organs; and cook the meat thoroughly.

b. Safety light. Many hunters travel to and from their hunting area, tree stand, or blind just before dawn and after dusk. It is recommended that hunters use a small light while traveling to and from their stands or hunting area in periods of limited visibility. Use of a small light will help hunters identify one another during low light conditions. Hunters may not use lights to illegally hunt game animals.

## 4-2. Policies.

### a. Hunter Orange.

(1) Hunters must wear an outer garment which shows a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter orange (commonly called blaze or fluorescent orange) material above the waist and are recommended to wear orange headgear while hunting. Hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange is allowed. The various shades of red as well as camouflage-pattern orange are prohibited.

(2) This requirement to wear orange is year round and in every season except when hunting waterfowl in bow-only areas, hunting doves on designated fields, archery hunting in bow-only areas, and hunting turkey on the Georgia and Alabama portions of the installation during the respective state turkey seasons. The requirement to wear hunter orange extends to all hunters and to all archers during archery season. Bow hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting in a bow-only area. Waterfowl hunters must wear the prescribed amount of hunter orange only when walking to or from a waterfowl hunting site.

(3) Persons accompanying a hunter are held to the same safety requirements for wearing hunter orange that a hunter is held.

(4) Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when traveling in a vehicle or when on foot no more than twenty (20) feet from a vehicle.

(5) While not required, turkey hunters are encouraged to wear hunter orange when changing locations in the field or when carrying a harvested turkey out of the field.

b. Hunter Control check-in and harvest information. All hunters must check-in to hunting areas. This requirement exists to ensure the number of hunters does not exceed the area's capacity. Hunters may check into up to two hunting areas simultaneously. Hunters must check out of an area before entering a third area in the same day. There is no requirement to check out of an area at the end of the day. Hunters will use the automated TELTRACK Hunter Control (545-8387) as the primary method to check-in to a hunting area. The back-up Hunter Control system is a 24-hour answering machine that will be used if the automated TELTRACK system is inoperative. Calls automatically transfer from the automated TELTRACK Hunter Control system to the answering machine backup system. In the unlikely event that both the primary and backup hunter control systems fail, then hunters may hunt after verifying that the area is in fact open for hunting by checking the Daily Hunting and Fishing Information Sheet. Do not call the Military Police Desk to check into an area. The procedures for checking-into an area or recording game harvested are provided in Appendix C.

c. Duds. Duds can be found in many areas and must not be handled. Do not pick-up, transport, or remove duds. Hunting and fishing are prohibited in posted dud areas and in those ranges and facilities posted "restricted" or "exclusion area" for safety reasons.

d. Alcohol and drugs. Hunters will not be intoxicated, possess alcohol on their person, or consume alcoholic beverages while hunting. Hunters will not be under the influence of illegal drugs or possess them while hunting.

e. Safety straps. All persons are required to use a safety strap or harness while hunting off the ground in stands, trees, and other structures.

f. Weapons. Paragraph 5-5 specifies safety restrictions on weapons and ammunition. Paragraph 5-6 reiterates Fort Benning policies on the possession, registration, storage, transport, and discharging of weapons.

## Chapter 5 Hunting Regulations

### 5-1. General.

a. Hunters will not knowingly hunt within 200 yards or within sight of an area that has been baited unless the bait has been removed completely for ten (10) or more days. A baited area is defined as any place which contains or has contained within the previous ten (10) days, feed, grains, salt licks, or other substances capable of luring game.

b. Vehicles will not be driven through planted wildlife fields or feed strips.

c. Individuals will not remove, destroy, or mutilate the head of a deer until it is processed or delivered to a facility for storage and processing.

d. It is unlawful to capture, take, or possess any game bird or animal for use as a pet. It is unlawful to release into the wild or import any wildlife without first coordinating with the Chief, Conservation Branch, DPW, and obtaining a permit from the appropriate state agency.

e. Named ponds may be utilized for waterfowl hunting with the exception of Russ Pond and Pool, Sand Hill Duck Pond, Twilight Pond, and Victory Pond. Hunting hours on these ponds shall end two hours after official sunrise for morning shooting and will not commence earlier than one hour before official sunset for afternoon shooting.

f. Hunters may drive hunt for deer in addition to still/stalk hunting. One person should be designated as being responsible for the drive and ensure that all members are briefed on safety and shooting zones.

g. Individuals sponsoring a guest must accompany that guest while the guest is hunting. For a sponsor to "accompany" a guest, he must be physically present and/or participating in the hunt and be signed into the same area or areas as the guest. If signed into multiple areas and both sponsor and guest are not occupying the same area, the areas must be adjacent to each other and share a common boundary. If a sponsor and guest travel in separate vehicles, the sponsor and guest can travel separately to a mutually agreed location and meet. In every case, the sponsor and guest must be together in one vehicle (or in separate vehicles traveling together) before the guest leaves a paved road. After hunting, the sponsor must escort the guest at least to the paved road before separating. Sponsors must ensure that their guests understand and adhere to the policies, regulations, and laws governing hunting, fishing, vehicles, and the possession and use of weapons on Fort Benning. Sponsors whose guests violate these rules are subject to punishment as set forth in Table 8-1, Violations and Penalties.

h. Hunters may not guide hunt in exchange for money or other compensation on Fort Benning.

i. Hunting stands, both portable & constructed, may be used on Fort Benning. All hunters are required to use a safety strap or harness while hunting off the ground in stands, trees, and other structures. Stands will not be attached on any tree marked with a single or double white band (Red Cockaded Woodpecker Endangered Species Site). Constructed stands must be marked with the individuals name, phone number, and season date; and will not be placed on utility poles. Stands no longer used or that are structurally unsafe should be dismantled and removed from the area. Hunting must be positioned in an area so that a hunter can legally fire or discharge his or her weapon in accordance with paragraph 5-6.e. Hunters who construct stands do not own the stand. Any hunter may use another hunter's constructed stand, however, it is expected that prior to doing so, the hunter will make a courtesy call to the individual whose name is on the stand, consistent with common courtesy and hunter etiquette.

j. Mandatory deer checks will be conducted on specified dates at check station locations as indicated in appendix B, Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits. Hunters must bring all deer harvested to the check station on the mandatory deer check dates.

k. Tagging game. There is no requirement to tag harvested animals. The Deer Harvest Record section of the Georgia hunting license must be completed prior to moving the carcass of a harvested deer when hunting in Georgia. There is no longer a requirement to fill out a Fort Benning Harvest Card for every kill. However, hunters must report game harvested as per Appendix C of this regulation. Persons transporting a deer or turkey harvested by another hunter must possess, in writing, the complete name, address, telephone number, Fort Benning Hunting License Number and permit number of the person who harvested the deer or turkey.

l. Training and hunting with dogs.

(1) Dogs are prohibited from use in hunting deer or feral swine on the installation. Dogs used for other legal forms of hunting must have a collar bearing the owner's name, phone number, and proof of vaccination.

(2) Individuals authorized hunting privileges on Fort Benning may train or condition dogs on Fryar Field, year-round, provided that the area is open and is not being used for military training. Individuals working with dogs must stay within that area of Fryar Field bounded by roads. Other areas of the installation may be used for this purpose provided the compartment is listed on the daily Hunting Fishing Information Sheets as open. Only blank ammunition may be used to train dogs.

(3) Dogs may be used to hunt bobcat, fox, raccoon and coyote only at night. Use of dogs during daylight hours is allowed for hunting doves, quail, woodcock, waterfowl, squirrel, and rabbits.

(4) In accordance with USAIC Regulation 210-5, the following breeds of dogs, whether purebred or crosses with listed breeds, are not permitted on Ft Benning and may not be used for hunting:

- (a) Pit Bulls
- (b) Chows
- (c) Rottweilers
- (d) Doberman Pinschers
- (e) Presa Canarios

**m. Trapping on the Fort Benning Military Reservation is prohibited. The use of any pitfall, deadfall, snare, catch, trap, net, live decoy, or baited hook to take game is prohibited. Game wardens and installation wildlife management personnel may trap for predator control and medical purposes only. Game wardens may trap dogs and other domestic animals, as required.**

n. Endangered and threatened species.

(1) In accordance with AR 200-3, it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. to harass, harm, or capture any endangered species within the U.S.

(2) Fort Benning is home to many unique and protected species, including the endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) and the Gopher Tortoise. Sportsmen must be aware that it is a serious violation of federal law to infringe upon the habitat of an endangered species. Violators will be prosecuted in federal court. Hunters are urged to be sensitive to environmental concerns and ensure that their actions are consistent with good wildlife management practices. Sportsmen should exercise good judgment and report violations of this or any other regulation or law to the Military Police Desk at 545-5222.

(3) Hunters may hunt within an RCW cluster site and portable hunting stands may be used on any tree in the cluster not marked with a single or double white band. RCW clusters are marked by white signs designating the area as an Endangered Species Site. Vehicles, of any type, are prohibited from entering or driving through an RCW cluster site on other than established and maintained roads or trails.

(4) All sportsmen in vehicles must keep a watchful eye for Gopher Tortoises and try to avoid them if they are encountered while crossing roadways.

o. The use of any electronic calls is prohibited except that electronic calls may be used to hunt crows and coyotes. The possession of any electronic calling device and/or records capable of producing real or imitation calls of any type except when hunting crows or coyotes is prohibited.

p. Hunters may use cell phones, pagers, two-way radios, Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) position location devices, and bionic ear devices while hunting.

q. Taking a deer while it is in a river, lake, stream, or pond is prohibited.

r. Use of electronic or mechanical decoys for turkey hunting is prohibited on the Alabama portions of the installation.

s. Only battery powered lights not exceeding 6 volts or fuel type lanterns may be carried by hunters while night hunting.

t. Butchering harvested game at on-post quarters in public view is permitted, however, hunters should use good judgment while butchering game to minimize adverse public reactions.

## 5-2. Minimum Age Requirements.

a. All persons born on or after 1 January 1961 must show evidence of the successful completion of a state certified hunter safety course to obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit and to hunt on Fort Benning.

b. Persons younger than 12 years of age may be with a sponsor while hunting, but are not authorized to carry a weapon and must be under the direct supervision of an adult sponsor 18 years old or older.

c. Persons 12-15 years of age cannot hunt on their own and must be under the direct supervision of an adult sponsor 18 years old or older. Carrying a weapon or weapons for hunting is permitted. To hunt on the Georgia side of the installation, persons 12-15 years of age are not required to possess a Fort Benning Hunting Permit or a Georgia hunting license, if they are considered to be a Georgia resident, except that a Junior Deer Harvest License is required (available at no cost). If they are not considered a Georgia resident, then they will need to purchase a non-resident hunting license to hunt deer on the Georgia side of the installation (they are exempt from the big game license requirement). To hunt big game on the Alabama side of the installation, persons 12-15 years of age are not required to possess a Fort Benning Hunting Permit or an Alabama hunting permit. All persons 12-15 years of age must show evidence of successful completion of a hunter safety course to hunt anywhere on Fort Benning.

d. Primary dependents who are 16 years of age or older must obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit to hunt on the installation and may carry a weapon to hunt on their own without a sponsor present. All persons 16 years of age or older that hunt must have the appropriate state license for the game they are hunting and show evidence of successful completion of a hunter safety course.

e. Primary dependents 16-17 years of age require written permission from their adult sponsor to obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit.

f. "Direct adult supervision" is defined as within sight or hearing of a person 18 years old or older.

g. Primary dependents age 18 years old or older are authorized to sponsor up to a maximum of three guests per day to hunt and fish on Fort Benning if they possess a current post permit and the appropriate state license.

h. Adult sponsors of persons younger than 16 years of age must be authorized to hunt and fish on the installation per paragraph 3-2.a.(1)-(12) and possess a current post permit and the appropriate state license.

i. Adult sponsors may not have more than two (2) hunters 12-15 years of age carrying weapons while under their supervision at one time.

**5-3. Hunting Seasons.** Hunting seasons on the Georgia and Alabama side of the installation are in accordance with the respective state seasons and bag limits, with few exceptions, and are listed in appendix B.

## 5-4. Hunting Hours.

a. The legal hunting hours for hunting on Fort Benning are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with the following exceptions:

(1) Legal hours for migratory bird hunting (such as, duck and dove) will be determined by the appropriate federal agency. Hunting waterfowl on ponds shall end two hours after official sunrise for morning shooting and will not commence earlier than one hour before official sunset.

(2) Raccoons, opossums, fox, bobcats, and coyotes may be hunted at night (see table B-2, appendix B).

b. Night hunters must check-in through hunter control using the TELTRACK Hunter Control System (automated). Night hunters may not enter an area to hunt at night until one-hour after sunset and must exit the area not later than one-hour before sunrise. Dogs may not be used for hunting after 3 AM during the Alabama Turkey Season on the Alabama portion of the reservation.

## 5-5. Legal Weapons and Ammunition.

a. Wildlife may be hunted on the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation with any weapon that is approved for that purpose by the respective Georgia or Alabama Fish and Game Authorities with few exceptions. Fort Benning's military training requirements, safety con-

siderations, and installation security concerns require the following exceptions to be imposed:

(1) The use of buckshot is prohibited for all hunting on Fort Benning.

(2) Bows must have a minimum draw of 45 lbs. Long bows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows are all considered as bows in this regulation.

(3) Fort Benning has been divided into different areas, each of which may have restrictions on the weapons and ammunition that can be used for hunting (paragraph 3-4 and the 1:50,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map).

(4) It is unlawful to hunt with a bow or gun that has any light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light forward of the bow or gun or to have in possession such a light source adapted for attachment to a bow or gun, except while hunting legal game at night within the legal night hunting hours. Hunters are also prohibited from possessing any equipment that uses electronics to increase the ability to see in the dark (night vision equipment) while hunting any species of wildlife. Laser sighting devices which project a beam or light onto the target are prohibited at all times.

(5) Firearm silencers may not be used for hunting.

(6) Shotguns must be plugged to a maximum capacity of three (3) shells (magazine and chamber combined) except for deer and feral swine hunting. For deer and feral swine, shotguns are limited to five (5) shells.

(7) Crossbows must have a working safety device. Crossbow bolts or arrows cannot be treated with any type of chemical or carry any type of chemical pod attachment.

(8) Archery hunters may not use or possess a firearm at any time in an archery-only area. In all other areas the following applies:

(a) On the Georgia side of the installation, archers may also carry any approved firearm in accordance with the open season and subject to restrictions on weapons in certain areas, however, archers may not possess a firearm at any time while hunting deer during the archery-only season or in a bow only compartment on either side of the reservation.

(b) On the Alabama side of the installation, archers are prohibited from possessing both a gun and a bow while hunting any species of game, bird or animal, except during deer firearms season and subject to restrictions on weapons in certain areas.

b. Legal weapons in Bow-only Areas. Long bows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows are the only weapons permitted in bow-only areas.

c. Legal weapons in Shotgun Areas. Legal weapons during open game seasons in "Shotgun-only" areas are shotguns, muzzleloaders, bows, and handguns in the following calibers: .357 magnum, .38 special, .41 magnum, .44 magnum, .45 ACP, .454 Casull, 480 Ruger, .45 Long Colt, 9mm parabelum/luger, and 10mm auto.

d. Legal weapons in Rifle Areas. Rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns, bows, and handguns may be used in rifle areas.e. Legal weapons in Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training areas. Legal weapons in areas open for Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training are Long bows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows.

e. Legal weapons for deer. Deer may be hunted with the following weapons in accordance with the applicable state's open season and Fort Benning hunting restrictions:

(1) Rifles and handguns .22-caliber or larger centerfires with expanding bullets.

(2) Shotguns 20-gauge or larger with slugs. Buckshot is not allowed.

(3) Muzzleloaders that are .44 caliber or larger on the Georgia side of the installation and .40 caliber or larger on the Alabama side of the installation.

(4) Primitive weapons are bows, to include crossbows (scopes allowed in Georgia but not allowed in Alabama), and muzzleloaders (scopes are allowed in both Alabama and Georgia).

f. Legal weapons for feral swine. Feral swine may be hunted year round with any weapon approved in accordance with area and training restrictions except during Deer Primitive Weapons Season and Turkey Season. During Deer Primitive Weapons Season they may only be hunted with primitive weapons. During Turkey Season they may only be hunted with approved archery weapons.

g. Legal weapons for turkey. Handguns, rifles, and muzzle loading rifles with ball ammunition may not be used to harvest turkey. Turkey may be hunted with the following weapons:

(1) Shotguns with No.2 or smaller shot.

(2) Any smoothbore muzzleloading firearm with No.2 or smaller shot.

(3) Any approved archery weapon as defined below:

(a) In Georgia - Any approved archery weapon to include crossbows (scopes allowed).

(b) In Alabama - - Any approved archery weapon except crossbows.

h. Legal weapons for waterfowl. Waterfowl may be hunted with any 10-gauge or smaller shotgun loaded with federally approved non-toxic shot of size "T" or smaller. No lead shot may be used or in possession while hunting waterfowl.

i. Legal weapons for furbearer animals. Due to varying regulations between Georgia and Alabama, hunters must check the appropriate state regulation to determine the legal weapons to hunt furbearer animals.

**5-6. Weapons Policies.** Fort Benning weapons policies are provided in USAIC Regulation 210-5 and are reiterated in this regulation due to the inherent use of weapons for hunting, installation security concerns, and to ensure all sportsmen are informed.

#### a. Storage and registration.

(1) Privately owned small arms and ammunition of all personnel assigned to or TDY and quartered on Fort Benning, except those individuals living in family housing, will be registered and stored in the arms room of their immediate organizational commander in accordance with AR 190-11.

(2) All military personnel and family members who reside on Fort Benning and own or possess a privately owned firearm must register it with the Provost Marshall Vehicle/Firearms Registration Section (545-1195) within three working days of obtaining the firearm.

(3) Personnel not residing on Fort Benning are not required to register their weapons with the Provost Marshall Vehicle/Firearms Registration Section.

#### b. Transporting weapons.

(1) All personnel assigned to or employed at (to include those personnel at Fort Benning in a TDY status) who desire to transport a privately owned weapon to and from hunting, sports shooting, or other recognized function involving that weapon will ensure that the weapon is unloaded. No weapon will be transported with a loaded magazine/clip affixed to the weapon. No weapon will be transported with a round in the chamber or other projectile in a "ready to fire" configuration. A crossbow is considered to be unloaded when it is uncocked and there is no bolt on the platform. A muzzleloader is considered to be unloaded when there is no percussion cap, flint, powder or other firing device on the nipple or flash pan, although a charge may be in the chamber.

(2) Weapons will be transported in the trunk of vehicles, if so equipped. No weapon will be transported in glove compartments, under seats, or any other concealed manner, except in the trunk of a vehicle.

c. Restricted locations. Weapons of any kind are prohibited in all AAFES and DMWR facilities. Privately owned hunting weapons may be possessed by hunters while staying at the Uchee Creek lodging or campground facilities provided that they remain unloaded.

d. Concealed weapons. No sportsman shall carry a weapon concealed on his or her person at any time.

e. Firing or discharging weapons. Target practice is prohibited except on an authorized range. Hunters may discharge a muzzleloading firearm after legal hunting hours in an open area, provided they do so in order to remove a round from the gun.

Individuals will not discharge a weapon from a vehicle or across a maintained road. No weapon will be discharged within 200 feet of maintained roads, buildings, or posted troop training areas. Firing a weapon in the direction of and within 200 yards of a maintained road, building, ammunition storage area, active airfield, or posted no hunting area is prohibited. Maintained roads are those roads with a base consisting of pavement, concrete, gravel, or improved dirt that receive regular or periodic maintenance and are wide enough to allow at least two-way vehicular traffic. Roads that are not maintained consist of small roads and trails with a dirt or clay base that receive little or no maintenance and that are only wide enough for one-way vehicular traffic or narrower.

## Chapter 6 Fishing Regulations

**6-1. General.**

- a. Sponsors must accompany their guests at all times while they are fishing on Fort Benning.
- b. Children less than 16 years of age are not required to purchase a Fort Benning Fishing Permit; however, children less than 12 years of age must be accompanied by a sponsor.
- c. The Russ Pond/Pool area and the Sand Hill Duck Pond are reserved for children's fishing only. Only children 15 years of age and younger may fish in these areas. Sponsors may assist children in baiting their hook, casting, and removing fish from their line. Sponsors are not required to have a Fort Benning Fishing Permit or fishing license when accompanying children in these areas.
- d. It is unlawful to park within 50 feet of a boat ramp or in such a fashion that will impede others from either launching or retrieving their boat.

**6-2. Methods.**

- a. Only hook and line may be used for fishing except as follows:
  - (1) Trotlines may be used in the waters of the Chattahoochee River, Upatoi Creek and their tributaries. Trotline use in any other area is prohibited. All trotlines must be marked with the owner's name, address and telephone number. Trotlines must be checked at least once every 24 hours.
  - (2) Setline or jug fishing is prohibited except in the areas where trotlines are authorized.
  - (3) Fishing with more than two lines is prohibited, except for the areas in which trotlines are allowed. In those areas, state fish and game laws limit the number of trotlines.
  - (4) Seining in streams or ponds is prohibited.
  - (5) Use of fish traps, snatch hooks, or spears are prohibited and will not be used on or around any of the ponds and streams on Fort Benning.
  - (6) Individuals may gig for frogs with a gig that has at least three prongs. A State fishing license and a Fort Benning Fishing Permit are required to gig for frogs.
  - (7) Bows and arrows may be used to take non-game fish in the same areas where trotlines are allowed.
- b. Possession of minnows is not allowed in or around any named (managed) pond on the installation. They may be used as bait in beaver ponds and creeks located on the installation.

**6-3. Creel Limits.** Table 6-1 Creel limits shows limits by species for all waters on Fort Benning other than the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries, where state regulations apply.

**Table 6-1. Creel limits** (referenced in para 6-3).

SPECIES OF FISH	DAILY LIMIT MINIMUM	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass	5	None
Bream (all species)	50	None
Catfish (Blue or Channel)	8	None
For all other species, state sport fishing regulations apply.		
NOTE: These limits are subject to change. Changes will be posted at the ponds where they apply.		

**6-4. Seasons.** All ponds and streams on Fort Benning are open to fishing throughout the year, unless closed for management or training. Opening and closing of Averetts, Victory and Snelling ponds are designated on the Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets. For other locations signs at the ponds will state whether fishing is permitted there.

**6-5. Boats.** Chapter 8 discusses the use of boats for fishing on Fort Benning.

**Chapter 7****Licenses, Permits, and Fees****7-1. General.**

a. **When hunting** or fishing on either the Georgia or Alabama side of Fort Benning, you must have the appropriate licenses, permits, and personal identification in your possession at that time.

b. A quick information reference is provided in **Table 7-1, Point of Contact Information**.

**7-2. Federal License.** If the wildlife you are hunting requires the purchase of a federal license, permit or stamp, then you must have that license, permit or stamp in your possession at the time you are hunting. For example, if you are hunting migratory birds, then you must have a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) and the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program Permit (HIP). The Federal Duck Stamp must be signed in ink across the face.

**7-3. State License.** Anyone who hunts or fishes on Fort Benning must have appropriate hunting or fishing licenses from Alabama or Georgia and must comply with state laws, subject to the following.

a. **Active Duty Personnel.** Active duty personnel assigned to Fort Benning who have either a Georgia or Alabama hunting license may hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation with that license, but are bound by the rules, such as bag limits and season dates, of the state where they are hunting. Family members, sponsored guests of active duty personnel, DoD Civilian Employees, retirees, and all other persons authorized to hunt or fish on Fort Benning are excluded from this agreement. This exception is authorized by a cooperative agreement between authorities in Georgia and Alabama.

b. **Georgia.** To hunt on the Georgia side of the installation, all hunters must meet all requirements for (age, residency, and proof of hunter safety course) and purchase a Georgia State Hunting License.

(1) Big game license. A Georgia Big Game License is required to hunt deer or turkey, but not to hunt feral swine.

(2) Residency. For the purpose of hunting and fishing, the State of Georgia considers all full-time military personnel (and their dependents) assigned to active duty at a Georgia military base, to be Georgia residents who may therefore purchase Georgia resident (as opposed to nonresident) hunting and fishing licenses.

(3) Hunter safety course requirements follow:

(a) Persons born on or after 1 January 1961 must show evidence that they have successfully completed a hunter safety course approved by the State of Georgia.

(b) Persons born before 1 January 1961 must show evidence of successful completion of any hunter safety course approved by the State of Georgia or view the Fort Benning Hunter Safety Film and possess a Fort Benning Hunter Safety Class Card (FB (SD) Form 18).

(4) Hunting/Fishing Access Pass. Hunters and fishermen must possess a Hunting/Fishing Access Pass.

c. **Alabama.** Hunters must have an Alabama State Hunting License to hunt on the Alabama side of the installation and meet Alabama requirements (age, residency, proof of hunter safety course) to obtain these licenses.

(1) Persons born on or after 1 January 1961 must show evidence of successful completion of any hunter safety course approved by the State of Alabama.

(2) Persons born before 1 January 1961 must show evidence of successful completion of any hunter safety course approved by Alabama or view the Fort Benning Hunter Safety Film and possess a Fort Benning Hunter Safety Class Card (FB (SD) Form 18).

(3) Hunting/Fishing Access Pass. Hunters and fishermen must possess a Hunting/Fishing Access Pass. **Note:** Fort Benning uses the more restrictive Georgia date (persons born on or after 1 January 1961) in determining who needs to successfully complete a hunter safety course rather than the Alabama age requirement of persons born on or after 1 August 1977.

**Note: Alabama License Exceptions**

**Military Personnel.** Alabama allows active-duty service members who are on leave and are residents of the state to hunt or fish in Alabama at no cost. Active-duty personnel that meet the criteria of the Alabama state law license exemption may also hunt and/or fish on the Alabama portion of the installation without an Alabama license while they are on leave. These personnel are required to possess a Fort Benning Permit, a Hunting/Fishing Access Pass, adhere to the hunter



safety course requirements, and carry in their possession a valid military leave form in order to hunt or fish on the Alabama portion of the installation. These personnel must also present a military identification card, a valid leave form for the period they are hunting or fishing, and documentation that verifies that they are Alabama state residents (a current leave and earnings statement, or a current Alabama state tax document indicating that they are a resident of the state, or a notarized affidavit indicating that they are a resident of the state of Alabama). Personnel that are hunting or fishing in this status are not entitled to hunt or fish on the Georgia portion of the installation.

**Alabama Residents Over 65 Years Of Age.** Alabama residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying hunting licenses provided said resident has on his person while hunting a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age. However, these persons are required to possess a Fort Benning Permit, a Hunting/Fishing Access Pass, and adhere to the hunter safety course requirements.

d. For the purposes of hunting, the Georgia-Alabama boundary shall be the western side of the Chattahoochee river channel (based on channel marker locations).

e. Fishing in Chattahoochee River. Either a Georgia or Alabama Fishing License may be used to fish in the Chattahoochee River. The Chattahoochee River and its impoundments are always considered open for fishing unless otherwise announced.

#### **7-4. Fort Benning Permits.**

a. Annual permits. Personnel authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning in accordance with paragraph 3-2 above, and who possess a valid State license, may purchase annual hunting and fishing permits. Permits are valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. All Fort Benning permits (annual or special) are available at the MWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Building 1707, or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina.

(1) Hunting Permits. Persons hunting on Fort Benning, who are 16 years of age or older, must obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit. To obtain this permit, a state hunting license is required.

(2) Fishing Permits. A Fort Benning Fishing Permit is required for any person age 16 or older to fish in any waters (pond or stream) on Fort Benning except that the Chattahoochee River may be fished from

a boat or the bank without a permit. Fishing in streams that flow into the Chattahoochee River or backwaters areas of the Chattahoochee River do not require a permit if fishing from a boat, but bank fishing in these areas requires a permit.

(3) Vehicle Access Pass. The Fort Benning Hunting/Fishing Access Pass belonging to a vehicle's operator shall be displayed so that it can be read through the front windshield from outside the vehicle while hunting at any time of the year. All other riding in the vehicle are required to display their Vehicle Access Passes. A hunter may park a vehicle lawfully and ride with another hunter to the hunting site. If a hunter does this, the hunter will display the Fort Benning Hunting/Fishing Access Pass behind the windshield of the second vehicle used to hunt, not from the parked vehicle.

b. Honorary Permits. Individuals who are eligible to hunt on Fort Benning and who qualify for an honorary state hunting license in either Georgia or Alabama may get an honorary Fort Benning Hunting Permit to hunt on that respective side of the reservation. Individuals who are eligible to hunt on Fort Benning and qualify for an honorary state hunting license in Florida may get an honorary Fort Benning Hunting Permit to hunt on the Georgia only side of the reservation. This permit is valid for one (1) year from the date of issue.

c. Guest Permits. Guests, as defined by sub-paragraph 3-2a (13), must be sponsored and possess an appropriate Guest Permit (FB Form 200-3-1). Guest permits are obtained by a guest's sponsor. Guest Permits (FB Form 200-3-1) can be purchased and issued as annual permits for family members or daily passes, monthly weekend passes, or in periods of time of up to 30 consecutive days for non-family member guests. The sponsor's name will be entered on the pass and two alternate sponsors may be added if requested. If the primary sponsor does not accompany the guest while hunting or fishing, then an alternate sponsor must accompany the guest and is responsible for the guest, as set forth elsewhere in this regulation.

**7-5. Fee and Permit Prices.** The CGNRAC, with approval of the Garrison Commander and the Commanding General, set the cost of hunting and fishing fees and are subject to change. Contact the DMWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Building 1707 (545-7978) or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina (545-4053) for current fee information.

**Table 7-1. Point of Contact Information** (referenced in para7-1.b).

Information	Office	Phone / Website
Automated check in/out of hunting areas To check the status of an area	TELTRACK Hunter Control System (auto-mated)	545-8387
On-line access for areas open on Fort Benning for hunting and fishing	Environmental Management Division	<a href="https://www.benning.army.mil/emd/hunting/areas.htm">https://www.benning.army.mil/emd/hunting/areas.htm</a>
On-line Fort Benning hunting and fishing	Environmental Management Division	<a href="https://www.benning.army.mil/EMD/conservation/index.htm">https://www.benning.army.mil/EMD/conservation/index.htm</a>
On-line USAIC Regulation 200-3, Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Regulation	Environmental Management Division	<a href="https://www.benning.army.mil/EMD/R200-3.pdf">https://www.benning.army.mil/EMD/R200-3.pdf</a>
GA hunting and fishing licenses Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits Fort Benning Hunter Access Passes Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps Fort Benning Hunter Safety Cards / Film	MWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Bldg 1707, Gillespie St, Fort Benning Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 8:30 - 11:30am, closed Sun & holidays	545-7978 <a href="https://www.benningmwr.com/outdoor.cfm">https://www.benningmwr.com/outdoor.cfm</a>
GA hunting and fishing licenses Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits Fort Benning Hunter Access Passes Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps Boater Safety Cards	Country Store, Uchee Creek Marina and Campground Mon-Thu 9am-6pm, Fri-Sun 8am-6pm	545-4053 or 7238 <a href="https://www.benningmwr.com/uchee.cfm">https://www.benningmwr.com/uchee.cfm</a>
To request military police To contact game warden (via MP Desk) to report hunting or fishing violations/ incidents To request an ambulance or to report a fire	Military Police Desk (24 hrs)	545-5222 or 5223 or 5224
Fort Benning telephone numbers Fort Benning operator assistance	Post Operator (24 hrs) (both automated and operator assist)	545-2011 or 0110
Local and national directory assistance	National Directory Assistance (24 hrs) Note: charges apply – rates vary	411
Fort Benning Staff Duty Officer	USAIC Staff Duty Office (24 hrs)	545-2218 or 6814
Exceptions to Post hunting and fishing policy Post hunting and fishing regulation questions Post fish and wildlife management questions Post hunting seasons and bag limits	Chief, Conservation Branch, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Public Works	544-7319 or 7077
Post controlled burning, forestry, planting	Chief, Land Management Br, DPW	544-7076 or 6120
Timber harvesting, firewood permits	Forester, Forest Resources, USACOE	544-6169
Range operations, duds, range incidents Assistance if locked behind range gate/barrier Reporting troops in an open hunting area	Radio Room, Range Division, (DPTM), USAIC (24 hrs)	545-3474 or 3479
Suspension of hunting/fishing privileges Hearing officer for filing appeals	Staff Judge Advocate, Administrative Law Division	545-3285
Fort Benning rifle and pistol shooting range Purchasing rifles and pistols	Fort Benning Rifle & Pistol Club, English Range, Dixie Road Tue, Thu, Fri 12pm – 6:30pm Sat 9am – 5pm, Sun 12pm – 5pm	689-3371 <a href="http://www.rprange.com/">www.rprange.com/</a>
Bass Club activities Bass fishing tournaments	Fort Benning Bass Club	<a href="https://www.geocities.com/bassclub_of_fortbenning/">https://www.geocities.com/bassclub_of_fortbenning/</a>
Fort Benning firearm registration	Vehicle and Firearm Registration Ofc	545-1195
Georgia hunting and fishing education classes, licenses, laws GA boating regulations, ramps, registration	Georgia Wildlife Resource Division, Dept of Natural Resources	770-918-6416 <a href="http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/">http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/</a>
Alabama hunting and fishing education classes, licenses, laws	Alabama Division of Wildlife and Fisheries, Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources	334-242-3465 <a href="http://www.dcnr.state.al.us/agfd/">www.dcnr.state.al.us/agfd/</a>
Alabama boating regulations, registration, and ramp locations	AL Marine Resources Division, Dept of Conservation and Natural Resources	<a href="http://www.dcnr.state.al.us/agfd/">www.dcnr.state.al.us/agfd/</a>

**Note:** Do not call the Military Police Desk to check-in or out of an area.

Do not call the Range Division, (DPTM), to open a locked gate in an open area.

## Chapter 8

### Violations of Fish and Wildlife Laws, Rules, and Regulations

**8-1. General.** This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable Federal or State laws regarding hunting and fishing. Violations of the provisions of this regulation, State laws (either Georgia or Alabama, depending on location), or Federal laws, may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties.

a. As a result of a violation, individuals may lose hunting and fishing privileges; have their personal equipment confiscated; or any combination of these actions.

b. Additionally, individuals may face criminal charges in United States Magistrates or District Court; In those cases, in addition to suffering the loss of hunting and fishing privileges, individuals may be have to pay a fine and/or appear before the Federal Magistrate in United States District Court and face more serious penalties.

#### 8-2. Policies.

a. Inspections. All individuals must have their state hunting or fishing licenses, Fort Benning permit, photo proof of identification, and exceptions to policy (if any) on their person when hunting or fishing. All military personnel and family members who reside on Fort Benning must carry their Fort Benning Firearms Registration Card (FORSCOM/TRADOC Form 563-R) on their person when carrying, transporting, or using their firearms. Only the vehicle operator is required to display his Fort Benning Vehicle Access Pass behind the vehicle's windshield. These documents must be made available, upon request, to any enforcement person.

b. Report of violations. Sportsmen are encouraged to report any observed violations of this regulation and/or State and Federal laws to the Military Police Desk (545-5222).

c. Administrative actions.

(1) Individuals observed or reported to be violating any regulation or law relating to hunting and fishing on Fort Benning, will receive a notice of suspension of installation hunting and/or fishing privileges from citing officials. Upon receipt of this notice, the individual's hunting and fishing privileges are immediately suspended for the period of time specified in the notice. If the individual disagrees and believes that he did not commit an offense, he must, within seven (7) days, file an appeal with the Installation Hearing Officer, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (545-5234). Failure to contact the Installation Hearing Officer within seven (7) days will constitute waiver of the right to appeal and the suspension will stand.

(2) If an individual files an appeal, he may request a hearing with the Installation Hearing Officer. At this hearing, an individual may present evidence that could help in considering the appeal.

(3) Although an appeal is filed, the suspension remains in effect until the matter is decided. Similarly, privileges remain suspended until the case is decided pending trial in Magistrates Court or U.S. District Court.

(4) The Installation Hearing Officer will consider each case and recommend a decision within two weeks. This recommendation will be forwarded through the Staff Judge Advocate for review and then to the Garrison Commander for action. The Installation Hearing Officer will provide notice of the Garrison Commander's decision to the individual and to the Permit Issuing Activity, the Conservation Branch, DPW, and the Provost Marshal. While there is no further right to appeal of this decision, the hearing officer and the Garrison Commander, may, for good cause shown and in their complete discretion, consider requests for reconsideration.

(5) If the appeal is denied, the suspension will run for the time specified in the original notice. The period of suspension is calculated from the date the notice is issued, not the date of final action.

(6) A list of the standard Administrative Penalties for various infractions is at Table 8-1, Violations and penalties.

(7) A program is established whereby the installation may restore hunting privileges if offenders perform qualified voluntary supervised community service. Table 8-1 indicates the offenses eligible for this program. The offender must request the hearing officer approve participation in this program. The community service shall consist of tasks performed voluntarily under supervision that will benefit the hunting, fishing or outdoors recreation or sports activities. Upon completion of the community service (and after completion of an appropriate Safety Course, if required), offenders may apply to regain their hunting/fishing privileges. Participation in this program is at the complete discretion of the Hearing Officer, and subject to the availability of supervisors.

## Chapter 9 - Outdoor Recreation Activities

**9-1. Boating and Water Recreation.** Boats may be used to fish on Fort Benning, subject to the following conditions:

a. Privately owned motorboats must be registered and meet all requirements in accordance to either the State of Georgia or the State of Alabama law, as appropriate.

b. A personal flotation device (vest) is required for each passenger in the boat. This device must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and the appropriate size for the passengers.

c. Any person operating any watercraft on the waters of the installation shall comply with the applicable Federal, Georgia, and Alabama safety rules and regulations relative to boat equipment, operation, lights, and navigation rules.

d. Combustion-type motors will not be used to power boats on any pond or stream on Fort Benning, except on the Chattahoochee River or water accessible from the Chattahoochee River. Electric motors may be used in ponds and other streams.

e. All lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams on the installation are off-limits to recreational swimming, water skiing, aquaplaning, and scuba diving.

**9-2. Motorized Land Vehicles.** Privately owned motorized off-road vehicles (ORV) and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) of any type (two, three or four-wheel) are prohibited on Fort Benning. Requests for exception to this policy must be submitted along with documentation of a medical disability to the Chief, Conservation Branch (545-7319). Motor vehicles used to hunt or fish on Fort Benning must meet applicable safety, licensing, insurance, and registration requirements for use on public roads.

**9-3. Camping.** Camping is only authorized at King's Pond and at the Uchee Creek Army Campground. Loaded firearms are prohibited in all camping areas. Campers at King's Pond are prohibited from dumping or littering.

**Table 8-1. Violations and Penalties** (referenced in para 8-2,c,(6)&(7))

<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>FIRST OFFENSE</b>	<b>SECOND OFFENSE</b>
Illegal use of artificial light for locating game or hunting [Table b-2,6]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Possession on person or use of drugs or alcoholic beverages while hunting [4-2,d]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Guide Hunting for compensation [5-1,h]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Unauthorized use of traps, snares, pitfalls, or similar devices to take game [5-1,m]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Discharging a weapon from a vehicle [5-6,e]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
** Transporting a loaded weapon in a motorized vehicle [5-6,b,1]	2 years	5 years
Possession of illegally shot game [Table B-1]	***2 years	***5 years
** Hunting in an exclusion area [3-1,c]	1 year	2 years
Permitting another to fraudulently use your state or post hunting/fishing license/permit	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Erecting or affixing a deer stand to a marked RCW cavity tree [5-1,n,(3)]	Permanent Revocation	N/A
Exceeding creel/bag limits [Table B-1]	2 years	5 years
Knowingly hunting over or taking of game from a baited area [5-1,a]	***1 year	***2 years
** Bypassing a roadblock, cable, or gate with a vehicle [3-4,c]	1 year	2 years
** Hunting out of season	1 year	2 years
** Possession of firearms while hunting deer during bow only season in violation of Paragraph 5-5,a,(8) [5-5, a,(8)]	1 year	2years
Removal of deer head prior to processing [5-1,c]	1 year	3 years
Using an unregistered vehicle [3-3,a]	1 year	2 years
**Hunting without the prescribed amount of fluorescent orange [4-2,a]	1 year	2 years
Hunting/fishing without a valid state license or permit [7-3]	6 months	1 year
Hunting/running deer or hogs with dogs [5-1,i]	1 year	2 years
Unauthorized use of off-road vehicle [3-3,b]	6 months	1 years
** Carrying a concealed weapon [5-6,d]	1 year	2 years
** Failure to accompany guest [5-1,g]	1 year	2 years
** Discharging a weapon across or within 200 feet of a maintained road or building or within 200 yards in the direction thereof[5-6,e]	1 year	2 years
Littering and/or dumping [3-1,e]	30 days	60 days
Failure to complete Georgia license regarding deer harvest after a kill and before moving the carcass	1 year	2 years
** Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition [5-5,a-j]	1 year	2 years
Hunting ducks without the appropriate duck stamps [7-2]	1 year	2 years
** Hunting in a closed area [3-4,b]	1 year	2 years
** Shooting before or after legal hours [5-4,a-b]	1 year	2 years
Taking of fish by unauthorized means [6-2,a-b]	1 year	2 years
** Failure to check-in an area through hunter control[Appendix C]	1 year	1 year
Improper/inadequate safety equipment on boats [9-1,c]	30 days	90 days
Illegal use of combustion engine powered boat on ponds	60 days	90 days
Failure to display and/or present Vehicle Access Permit [7-4,a,(3)]	60 days	6 months
Failure to check deer during mandatory deer check [5-1,j]	30 days	1 year
Failure to register harvested game using TELTRACK [Appendix C, C-2,e]	1 year	2 years
Failure to adequately supervise guest [5-1,g]	Loss of privilege to sponsor any guest for 90 days.	Loss of privilege to sponsor any guest for 1 year and a 6 month suspension of sponsor's privileges.
Sponsoring an ineligible person as a family member guest [3-2,b,(13),(a)]	Permanent Revocation	N/A
Failure to comply with special provisions of the Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training program [3-4,g,(4),(a-g)]	1 Year	2 Years

\* NOTE: Violation of any provision of this regulation for which there is no specific penalty set out above or violation of any State or Federal law relating to hunting or fishing, may result in a suspension of privileges for up to one (1) year.

\*\* Indicates a safety violation. If an offense or violation constitutes a safety violation, the hunter must retake an installation approved hunter safety course and show new Hunter Safety Class Card before hunting privileges can be restored, regardless of whether the period of suspension has passed.

\*\*\* A community service program exists whereby hunting privileges may be restored if offenders perform certain qualified, voluntary, supervised services. Offenses indicated by <\*\*\*> **are not** eligible for this program. The offender must request the hearing officer to approve participation in this program. The community service shall consist of assigned tasks, performed voluntarily under supervision, which will benefit hunting, fishing or outdoors recreation or sports activities. Upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate combination of suspension and/or community service and successful completion of an appropriate Safety Course if required, offenders may apply to regain their hunting/fishing privileges. Participation in this program is at the discretion of the Hearing Officer and is subject to the availability of supervisors.

## Appendix A References

### Section I Related publications

AR 190-5  
Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

AR 200-3  
Natural Resource Land, Forest, Wildlife Management

AR 420-40  
Historic Preservation

USAIC Regulation 190-5  
Vehicle Traffic Regulation

USAIC Regulation 210-4  
Range and Terrain Regulation

USAIC Regulation 210-5  
Garrison Regulation

Georgia Department of Natural Resources Hunting Seasons and Regulations

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Hunting and Fishing Digest

Cooperative Agreement between Fort Benning, Alabama, Georgia and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan 2001-2005)

### Section II Prescribed Forms

FB Form 200-3-1  
Guest Permit (prescribed in para 7-4c)

### Section III Referenced forms

DD Form 1805  
U.S. District Court Violation Notice

FB (MPA) Form 66  
Fort Benning Temporary Vehicle Permit

FORSCOM/TRADOC Form 563-R  
Registration of Personal Firearms

FB (SD) Form 18  
USAIC Hunter Safety Class Card

## Appendix B Hunting Seasons, Bag Limits, and Mandatory Deer Check

**B-1. Mandatory deer check.** All deer harvested must be brought to the check station on the following dates and locations:

- a. Georgia. Dates: 21 and 22 October 2006. Location: Building 5883, Harmony Church.
- b. Alabama. Dates: 18 and 19 November 2006. Location: Uchee Creek Recreation Area.

**B-2. Season dates and bag limits.** It is the sportsman's responsibility to comply with the hunting and fishing seasons, regulations, and bag limits, for the States of Alabama and Georgia. See table B-1, Season dates and bag limits. Table B-2 explains the seasons and bag limits.

Table B-1. Season dates and bag limits (referenced in para B-2).

GAME	GEORGIA SEASON DATES	GEORGIA BAG LIMIT	ALABAMA SEASON DATES	ALABAMA BAG LIMIT
DEER Archery	9 Sep 06 - 13 Oct 06	- 12 season limit - At least 10 of 12 must be antlerless - 1 of 2 bucks must have at least 4 points one-inch or longer on one side of antlers  Note 1, table B-2	14 Oct 06 - 31 Jan 07	Same bag limits as GA except: 2 per day; only one of which may be antlered  Note 1, table B-2
DEER Primitive Weapon (Muzzleloader & Archery)	14 Oct 06 - 20 Oct 06		13 Nov 06 - 17 Nov 06	
DEER Firearm (Firearms, Muzzleloader & Archery)	21 Oct 06 - 15 Jan 07		18 Nov 06 - 31 Jan 07	
FERAL SWINE Archery	No Closed Season	No Limit	No Closed Season	No Limit
FERAL SWINE Small Game Firearms and Primitive Weapons	Year round except during Turkey Season	Note 2, table B-2	Year round except during Turkey Season	Note 2, table B-2
FERAL SWINE Firearms (Centerfire Firearms)	Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons		Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons	
TURKEY Special Youth Hunt	N/A	3 gobblers per season Note 3, table B-2	10 Mar 06 - 11 Mar 07	1 per day 3 gobblers per season Note 3, table B-2
TURKEY Special Disabled Hunt	N/A		14 Mar 07	
TURKEY	24 Mar 07 - 15 May 07		15 Mar 07 - 30 Apr 07	
SQUIRREL	15 Aug 06 - 28 Feb 07	12 per day	02 Oct 06 - 28 Feb 07	8 per day 8 in possession
DOVE	02 Sep 06- 16 Sep 06 07 Oct 06 - 16 Oct 06 23 Nov 06 - 06 Jan 07	12 per day 24 in possession Note 4, table B-2	16 Sep 06 - 07 Oct 06 04 Nov 06 - 18 Nov 06 16 Dec 06 - 07 Jan 07	15 per day 15 in possession Note 4, table B-2
RABBIT	18 Nov 06 - 28 Feb 07	12 per day  Note 5, Table B-2	02 Oct 06 - 28 Feb 07	8 per day 8 in possession Note 5, table B-2
QUAIL	18 Nov 06 - 28 Feb 07	12 per day	15 Nov 06 - 28 Feb 07	12 per day 12 in possession
CROW	04 Nov 06 - 28 Feb 07	No Limit	Year round except during Turkey Season	No Limit
FOX	01 Dec 06 - 28 Feb 07	No Limit  Note 6, table B-2	14 Oct 06 - 31 Jan 07	1 per day 1 in possession
BOBCAT	01 Dec 06 - 28 Feb 07		14 OCT 06-31 JAN 07	No Limit
OPOSSUM	15 Oct 06 - 28 Feb 07		01 Sep 06 - 28 Feb 07	
COYOTE Small Game Firearms & Archery	Year round except during Turkey Season		Year round except during Turkey Season	
COYOTE Firearm	Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons		Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons	
RACCOON	15 Oct 06 - 28 Feb 07	3 per day Note 6, table B-2	01 Sep 06 - 28 Feb 07	5 per day Note 6, table B-2
WATERFOWL, SNIPE,	Date to be published separately and will coincide with GA state season.	Limits published separately and coincide with GA state bag limits. Note 7, table B-2	SNIPE: 14 Nov 06 - 28 Feb 07 WATERFOWL dates published separately and will coincide with AL state season	SNIPE: 8 day 16 in possession WATERFOWL limits published separately and will coincide with AL limits
WOODCOCK	16 Dec 06 - 14 Jan 07	3 per day	18 Dec 06 - 31 Jan 07	3 day/6 possession
BEAR	Closed	N/A	Closed	N/A
ALLIGATOR	Closed	N/A	Closed	N/A

Table B-2. Explanation of Seasons and Bag Limits (referenced in para B-2 and table B-1).

<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <p><b>1. DEER</b></p>	<p>a. The maximum number of deer that may be harvested by any one person by any method on the Fort Benning Reservation (Georgia and Alabama) during the season is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) No more than twelve (12) total deer.</li> <li>2) At least ten (10) of the twelve (12) deer must be antlerless (does or button buck).</li> <li>3) No more than two (2) of the twelve (12) may have antlers. Under no condition, shall any person take more than two antlered bucks during the entire season.</li> <li>4) One of the two antlered bucks must have at least four points (one inch or longer) on one side of the antlers.</li> <li>5) During firearms and archery either-sex seasons in Alabama, two deer maybe harvested per day, only one of which may be an antlered buck.</li> </ol> <p>b. Legal primitive weapons are any approved archery or muzzleloading weapons. Muzzleloaders with scopes are legal primitive weapons in both Alabama and Georgia. Crossbows (scopes allowed in Georgia but not in Alabama) are also legal primitive weapons.</p> <p>c. Legal firearm season weapons are bows, muzzleloaders, .22 cal or larger centerfire rifles and handguns, and 20-gauge or larger shotguns with slugs in accordance with area or training restrictions on weapons.</p> <p>d. Buckshot is prohibited for deer and all other game on Fort Benning</p> <p>e. All bows must have a minimum pull of 45 lbs. Long bows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows are all considered as bows in this regulation.</p>
<p><b>2. FERAL SWINE</b></p>	<p>a. There is no bag limit on feral swine in either Georgia or Alabama.</p> <p>b. Feral swine hunting is allowed with all approved archery equipment year round.</p> <p>c. Feral swine hunting is allowed year round with muzzleloading firearms in accordance with area and training restrictions except during Turkey Season.</p> <p>d. Feral swine hunting is allowed year round with centerfire rifles, shotguns or pistols in accordance with area and training restrictions except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons.</p> <p>e. Feral swine may not be hunted at night or with dogs.</p> <p>f. Tags from ear tagged feral swine must be returned to Conservation Branch, Bldg. 5884.</p>
<p><b>3. TURKEY</b></p>	<p>a. The maximum number of turkeys that may be harvested by any one person on the Fort Benning Reservation (Alabama and Georgia combined) during the open season shall be three (3).</p> <p>b. Only gobblers may be harvested in both Georgia and Alabama; hens may not be harvested.</p> <p>c. Gobblers can only be harvested with shotguns or smoothbore muzzle loading shotguns with No. 2 or smaller shot and any approved archery weapon (crossbow allowed only in GA).</p> <p>d. Handguns, rifles, and muzzle loading rifles with ball ammunition may not be used to harvest turkey.</p> <p>e. Use of non-mechanical and non-electronic decoys is legal in Alabama and Georgia.</p>
<p><b>4. DOVE</b></p>	<p>a. In Georgia, daily shooting hours will begin at noon until sunset on opening day of the first and second seasons and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on subsequent days during the seasons. In Alabama, shooting hours begin at noon on the opening day of the season.</p> <p>b. Hunting on managed, numbered dove fields during the first split season(s) will be managed on-site by personnel from Conservation Branch, DPW.</p> <p>c. During subsequent dove seasons, the fields will be open daily whenever the area is open for hunting.</p>
<p><b>5. RABBIT</b></p>	<p>Dogs may be used to hunt rabbit.</p>
<p><b>6. BOBCAT, FOX, OPOSSUM, COYOTE, RACCOON</b></p>	<p><b>Georgia:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bobcat, fox, opossum, coyote and raccoon may be hunted at night. Coyotes may also be hunting during daytime hours.</li> <li>b. Only battery powered lights not exceeding 6 volts or fuel type lanterns may be carried by hunters for locating these animals.</li> <li>c. These animals may be taken only with small game firearms except coyotes, which may be taken with any approved firearm consistent with season, area and training restrictions. during daylight hours, and that only small game weapons may be used for coyotes at night.</li> <li>d. Bobcat and fox may be hunted using manual calls. Electronic calls may be used for coyotes.</li> <li>e. Dogs may be used to hunt bobcat, fox, raccoon and coyote at night.</li> </ol> <p><b>Alabama:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fox, opossum, raccoon may be hunted at night. Coyotes may only be hunted during daytime hours.</li> <li>b. Fox may be hunted at night with lights and dogs only.</li> <li>c. Raccoon and opossum may be hunted at night with dogs, lights, and .22 caliber rimfire firearms or shotguns with No. 6 or smaller shot.</li> <li>d. Running dogs during daylight hours or after 0300 hrs during spring turkey season is prohibited.</li> <li>e. All bobcats are required to be tagged by an Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources representative within 14 days of harvest.</li> </ol>
<p><b>7. WATERFOWL</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Steel shot size "T" or smaller is required for all waterfowl hunting.</li> <li>b. Lead shot may not be used.</li> </ol>

## Appendix C Hunter Check-in and Game Harvest Reporting Procedures.

### C-1. General.

All hunters must check in through Hunter Control and report game harvest. The automated TELTRACK Hunter Control System (545-8387) is the primary method to check-in an area and report harvests. The back-up Hunter Control system is a 24-hour answering machine that will be used if the automated TELTRACK system is inoperative. Only touch-tone or cellular telephones may be used to connect to the automated TELTRACK Hunter Control system. Do not call the Military Police Desk to check-in an area.

### C-2. Check-In/Report Harvest Procedure.

#### a. Determine which areas are open for hunting.

(1) Review the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map and identify the area you will hunt. The land on Fort Benning has been divided into a number of designated areas as is depicted on the 1:50,000 scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map.

(2) Review the Daily Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets to verify that the areas you intend to hunt are open for recreational use and for the type weapons you intend to use. Range Division, G-3, prepares Daily Hunting and fishing Information Sheets that note areas open for hunting and fishing for up to 3 days in the future. Officials post these sheets beside the Hunting and Fishing Maps before 1000 daily at the following locations:

- (a) Provost Marshal's Office (Building 215).
- (b) Conservation Branch, Bldg 5883, Harmony Church.
- (c) Malone Range 21, Buena Vista Road
- (d) Uchee Creek Army Campground/Marina.
- (e) MWR Equipment Checkout and Rental Office, Building 1707.
- (f) Sand Hill Custer Road.

(3) On-line Access. Hunting and Fishing Area Information Sheets are also available on-line at the following website:  
<https://www.benning.army.mil/emd/hunting/areas.htm>.

b. Determine the 4 or 5-digit conversion number of the area. The areas on the Hunting and Fishing Map are depicted as letters and numbers (i.e. Area "A1") and must be converted to 4 or 5-digit numbers to use the automated check-in system. Table C-1 below provides a listing of two-digit numbers for each letter. To obtain a 4 or 5-digit number to check-in an area, combine with the two-digit number listed in the table with the corresponding letter and number of the hunting area.

Examples - For normal hunting convert to a 4 digit number as depicted below:

A09 converts to 0109 W4 converts to 2304

A12 converts to 0112 BB1 converts to 2801

Note: For access to an Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training eligible compartment for the purpose of archery hunting only the conversion would be to a 5-digit number (4-digit number preceded by a '9') and the recording will indicate the hunter is signed in to the re-

spective area for "archery hunting only". Failure to use this 5-digit number for these areas will result in a message stating the area is "closed and off limits".

Example: For Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training convert to a 5 digit number as depicted below

F03 converts to 90603 G01 converts to 90701  
I02 converts to 90902 J03 converts to 91003

c. Access the TELTRACK Hunter Control System (automated) by calling 545-8387 (this is the only Hunter Control telephone number).

d. The system will prompt you to:

(1). Enter your Access Pass Number followed by the pound sign (#).

(2) Enter the last four (4) digits of your SSN followed by the pound sign (#).

(3) Continue to follow the automated prompts to check-in an area. You may check into two areas. You may check-in for "today" or for "tomorrow," but not for both days at the same time.

(4) Hunters must check out of an area before entering a third area in the same day. There is no requirement to check out of an area at the end of the day.

e. Hunters must register game using the TELTRACK Harvest Reporting System (Automated) before removing game from the installation. To register harvests access the TELTRACK Hunter Control System (automated) by calling 545-8387, select menu item number 4, then follow the automated prompts after you enter your Access Pass Number and the last four digits of your SSN.

### C-3. Backup Procedures.

a. Backup check in procedures. If the primary automated Hunter Control system is not working, hunters will be automatically transferred to a backup answering machine. All hunters will then be required to check-in an area by leaving their name, Access Pass number, area to be hunted, and state whether they are checking into or out of the area. Check-in Example: "Bob Knight checking into K12 and K13." Hunters checking into an Archery Concurrent With Training area should also add the statement "for archery hunting only". Example: "Bob Knight checking into F2 for archery hunting only."

b. Backup harvest reporting procedures. If the primary automated Hunter Control system is not working, hunters will be automatically transferred to a backup answering machine. To record harvests on the backup system, provide the type and quantity harvested, the area, the sex, the approximate weight, and, in the case of deer, whether a buck has at least 4 antler points 1 inch or longer. Deer Harvest Report Example: "Bob Knight reporting harvest of 1 doe, weight 115 pounds, area A12, and one buck, weight 165 pounds, 7 total points [4 points over 1 inch on one side], also in A12."

c. In the unlikely event that both the primary and backup harvest report systems fail, hunters must continue to attempt to access the system until the game harvested has been reported.



Table C-1. 4-Digit Hunter Control Conversion Chart (referenced in para C-2.2).

MAP	DIGIT		MAP	DIGIT		MAP	DIGIT		MAP	DIGIT
A	01		L	12		W	23		Chattahoochee River	0001
B	02		M	13		X	24		Weatherby Field	0002
C	03		N	14		Y	25		Sand Hill	0003
D	04		O	15		Z	26		Custer Road	0004
E	05		P	16		AA	27		Hamlet Creek	0005
F	06		Q	17		BB	28		Molner	0006
G	07		R	18		CC	29		AO Brown	0007
H	08		S	19		DD	30			
I	09		T	20		EE	31			
J	10		U	21						
K	11		V	22						

## Glossary

### Section I

#### Abbreviations

AR..... Army Regulation  
 CB..... Conservation Branch  
 CGACNR ... CG's Natural Resources Advisory Council  
 (CGNRAC)  
 CRD..... Community Recreation Division  
 DMWR ..... Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation  
 DoD ..... Department of Defense  
 DPW ..... Directorate of Public Works  
 EMD..... Environmental Management Division  
 FB ..... Fort Benning  
 ID ..... Identification  
 MPA..... Military Police Activity  
 ORV..... Off-road vehicle  
 RCW ..... Red-Cockaded woodpecker  
 SJA ..... Staff Judge Advocate  
 USAIC..... United States Army Infantry Center

### Section II

#### Terms

**Accompany.** To meet this requirement, the sponsor and guest must be properly checked-in through Hunter Control, the sponsor must be physically present and/or participating in the hunt and be signed into the same area or areas as the guest. If signed into multiple areas and both sponsor and guest are not occupying the same area, the areas must share a common boundary and be adjacent to each other.

**Active status.** The term "active status" means the status of a member of a reserve component who is not in the inactive Army National Guard or inactive Air National Guard or on an inactive status list.

**Baited area.** Any place which contains or has contained within the previous ten (10) days feed, grains, salt licks, or other substances capable of luring game.

**Big game.** Deer and turkey. Feral swine are not classified as big game animals.

**Bow.** A long bow, recurve bow, compound bow, or a crossbow. Bows must have a minimum pull of 45 lbs. Crossbows are prohibited for turkey hunting on the Alabama side of the installation.

**Buck.** A male deer with antlers (bone) visible above the hair.

**Cooperative Agreement.** The agreement entered into by Fort Benning, the State of Georgia, the State of Alabama, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Direct adult supervision.** Under the command and control of a person 18 years old or older, with the minor being within sight or hearing distance of such person.

**Fish or fishing.** To catch, capture, take, or kill fish and all seafood and includes all lesser acts such as attempting to catch, capture, or kill by any device or method.

**Guide hunting.** Receiving compensation for assisting an individual in the pursuit and taking of game.

**Hunt or hunting.** The act of pursuing, shooting, killing, and/or capturing wildlife or using any device in an attempt to take wildlife. Hunting shall include every action of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take wildlife, however accompanying a hunter as a spectator, assisting in building, maintaining or placing stands, or assisting a hunter to locate, track, or recover wounded or harvested game is not considered hunting. Any individual possessing a bow, gun, or gun and dogs in any area where hunting is normally conducted is presumed to be hunting, except that traveling through or along a closed or exclusion area while going to or from an open area is not considered hunting. Possessing a loaded weapon under any conditions is considered hunting.

**Hunting season.** That period of time when hunting a specific game bird or animal is permitted under the law.

**Illegal possession.** Possession of any wildlife or parts thereof, at any time other than during the authorized hunting season for that wildlife.

**Maintained road.** Maintained roads are those roads with a base consisting of pavement, concrete, gravel, or improved dirt that receive regular or periodic maintenance and are wide enough to allow at least two-way vehicular traffic. Roads that are not maintained consist of small roads and trails with a dirt or clay base that receive little or no maintenance and that are only wide enough for one-way vehicular traffic or narrower.

**Open area.** Training areas that are available for recreational use, subject to fulfillment of an individual's permit, license, and area access pass requirements.

**Primary dependent.** A lawful spouse or an unmarried child who is less than 21 years old or less than 23 years old if enrolled in a full-time course of education above high school level and receives over half of his/her support from the sponsor.

**Family member.** A son/daughter, brother/sister, or father/mother.

**Size limit.** The minimum length allowable for a fish in a person's possession. Fish smaller than this size must be returned to the water unharmed as soon as they are landed.

**Sportsman.** Any person engaged in hunting, fishing or other outdoor recreation activities on the Fort Benning, Georgia military installation. This includes those engaged in any out of season activity that would support latter hunting or fishing.

**To Take an animal.** To harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to do any of the above.

**Unloaded weapon.** A shotgun, centerfire or rimfire rifle, or handgun that does not have any ammunition in the chamber, pr a loaded magazine/clip affixed to the weapon. A muzzleloader weapon that does not have a percussion cap, flint, powder or other firing device affixed to or resting on the weapon's nipple or flash pan. An uncocked crossbow with the bolt removed from the platform.

**Weapons.** Firearms, bows, air or CO2 rifles or pistols, and slingshots are considered to be weapons on Fort Benning.

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